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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on July 25, 2008 to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-10) and Group II (claims 11-18).

In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 29, 2008 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, in this application.

Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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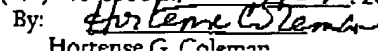
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